

*pub* 45. (New) The invention of Claim 1, wherein  $N=1$ .

46. (New) The invention of Claim 19, wherein  $N=1$ .

47. (New) A method for creating a write-once memory device from a write-many memory device, the method comprising:

(a) providing a memory device comprising a memory array comprising a plurality of write-many memory cells; and

*at* (b) rendering at least some of the write-many memory cells in the memory array as write-once memory cells by preventing more than one write to said at least some of the write-many memory cells.

48. (New) The invention of Claim 47, wherein the memory device comprises a modular memory device that is removably couplable with a host device.

49. (New) The invention of Claim 47, wherein said at least some of the write-many memory cells in the memory array are rendered as write-once memory cells by a manufacturer of the memory device.

50. (New) The invention of Claim 47, wherein the memory array is organized into blocks of memory, and wherein a sideband field of a block is used in preventing more than one write to said at least some of the write-many memory cells.